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TAGS BCOM, EGEN, VS
SUBJECT: FOREIGN INVESTMENT BY EUROPEAN BANKS INTERNATIONAL

1. HENRI J. LOMBARD, A RETIRED FRENCH DIPLOMAT NOW EMPLOYED BY SOCIETE GENERALE, CALLED ON WHITEHOUSE MARCH8. LOMBARD STATED THAT SOCIETE GENERALE WAS PRITICIPATING IN A CONSORTIUM WHICH INCLUDES AMONG OTHERS THE MIDLAND BANK AND THE DEUTSCHE BANK AND HAD FORMED EUROPEAN BANKS INTERNATIONAL FOR OVERSEAS INVESTMENT. MR. LOMBARD, WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM IN THE EARLY 1960 S SAID HIS VISIT WAS ON BEHALF OF EUROPEAN BANKS INTERNATIONAL WHICH WAS CONSIDERING OPENING AN OFFICE IN SAIGON. LOMBARD HAD TALKED WITH THE GVN MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY AND WITH PRIVATE BANKERS HERE. HE SAID THAT ALL WERE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EUROPEAN BANKS INTERNATIONAL INTERESTING ITSELF IN VIETNAM. AS HIS BOARD MOVES DILIBERATELY HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AND HE COMMENTED THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS HERE WOULD, OF COURSE, AFFECT THEIR DECISION.

2. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT ANY ACTIVITY BY
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THIS GROUP WOULD BE IN THE REMOTE FUTURE, ITS SHOW OF INTEREST IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.
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